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# Mexico, Brazil, France, Denmark

A few more weeks and we will begin to get closer to the answer in the puzzle of the year: Who will win the World Cup?

Having finished four World Cup series on the spot — 1966, 1974, 1978 and 1982 — I think I have learned to select the teams which CANNOT win it.

The World Cups often produce surprise results — but not in the final outcome. Not since 1954, anyway, when the rank outsider Germany lifted the Jules Rimet trophy from the much favored Hungary, Uruguay and Brazil.

It's infinitely harder to predict the final winner. All sorts of individual and team qualities have to combine to produce the victory team.

Home advantage is considerable. Since the war the home team has failed only three

times out of nine to make at least the semi-finals (1954, 1970 and 1982) and three times they actually won. So that's one pointer.

Another is that never once has a European team won a World Cup in Latin America. Czechoslovakia, Italy and Holland all reached the final (1962, 1970 and 1978) but lost to South American opponents. That's another hint.

So let's run through the six groups and see who can be reasonably expected of the 24 teams.

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From Group one it's very "safe" to predict the qualification of Argentina and Italy.

Bulgaria, despite periodically producing some outstanding

players, somehow never has a team capable of sustained good performances. In fact, it has never even won a single match in the finals for which it qualified.

Against South Korea, Bulgaria should make amends. The Koreans, despite all the improvements in Asia, are likely to be outclassed in this group. Can either of the favorites,

Andrew Dettre



characteristic in all walks of their life.

Argentina, contrary to widespread fallacy, isn't just Maradona; it always has a score of excellent players.

Italy, away from home they never approach their best form. A string of World Cup disappointments can prove this.

The Argentinos also have another problem: their often uncontrollable temper, their habit of flaring up at rear or imagined insults.

From Group One I expect Italy to advance the furthest — but not as far as four years ago.

In Group Two we have the host and, in my view, the genuine favorite Mexico.

In recent years it has made tremendous advances — let's just recall that ineffective, de-

fensive Mexico which visited here a few years ago, earning the undiplomatic scorn of our never-to-be-forgotten Rudolf Gutendorf.

This new Mexico is an impressive, competitive and talented team, hyped up to reach its peak during the World Cup.

It can do what Argentina did in 1978: stage a whirlwind-type of football against a hysterical crowd background, influenced most of the referees to become part of this mass hypnosis — and steal the Cup as hosts teams occasionally do.

From this group Iraq, the outsider, is certain to be eliminated. For the second qualifying place I take Paraguay ahead of Belgium.

I have never been a Belgium fan, even when it was allegedly one of Europe's best, in 1980, its programmed style didn't impress me.

Since the last World Cup various scandals have decimated Belgium's ranks, watered down its spirit and probably ended its successful cycle.

Paraguay, on the other hand, will be almost at home in its languid style, so reminiscent of

Brazil's and Peru's, is perfectly suited to the Mexican climate.

However, I certainly don't expect Paraguay to have say in the ultimate fate of the Cup; the furthest it may go is the last eight.

Group Three also has a rank outsider, Canada, and it would be a colossal upset if it snatched even a point. In fact, I am tipping three very painless defeats for our cousins.

The other three, France, Hungary and the USSR, will have a super battle for the qualifying places.

Let me come straight to the point: I not only expect France to qualify but I regard it as one of only two teams from Europe capable of winning the Cup.

It has that essential ingredient which all really good teams must have — five or six class players, perfect balance, absolute confidence.

The way the French outclassed Argentina without the injured Tore, Giresse and Platini, must have frightened hell out of their opponents.

France looked good in 1978 and should have made the final in 1982. I feel it has just matured into a truly great team and will be extremely hard to stop.

As the second qualifier I take Hungary, mainly on sentimental grounds.

Despite many laudatory reports about Gyorgy Mezey's new team, I simply cannot believe that anybody can produce a good national side based on a very poor domestic first division. And Hungary's domestic football is poor indeed.

But, through some strange chemistry, Hungary does appear to have a solid national side — more than the Soviets can claim, despite innumerable expensive efforts over the past 30 years or so.

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## FA CUP PREVIEW

### Ohana for Hakoah

hands by his side during matches," Thomson joked.

Not since the days of Robert Fekete and Peter Fuzer has Hakoah had a Jewish player. There are still a few in Sydney now, and of course we have thousands of Jewish people in the eastern suburbs who deserve a drawcard," Thomas said.

Hakoah already has sponsors who will pay for Ohana's airfares, accommodation, insurance and part of his wages. The club has to insure him for \$500,000.

He'll be here for maybe nine weeks, but as a guest player he'll play in all the games, and we'll be looking to use him in as many home games as possible," coach Eddie Thomson said.

Ohana was sent off at Olympic Park for making a provocative gesture at the crowd in the 65th minute of play.

We'll have to tie his



Eli Ohana (left) with Israeli team-mate Rifat Turk

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The ABC will provide a live coverage of the F.A. Cup Final. It will cross to Wembley at 11.05 pm (eastern standard time) for a preview of the match which is due to start at 11.35 pm on Saturday. The ABC will repeat the match in full at 10.15 pm on Monday, May 12. The Scottish Cup Final, between Aberdeen and Hearts, will be shown on the ABC in its entirety on Monday, May 19 at 10.15 pm.

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# Makedonia and Marconi rule!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Frank Macarone (Inter-Monaro) also would be feeling uncomfortable but presumably, his committee appreciates there's little he can do with so many players out there.

Margaritis, who guided Brisbane's Juventus to the 1985 national championship, was desperately unlucky not to come home from Adelaide with at least a point last Sunday. He's hoping for a change of luck against Makedonia, as he tries to include the Australian recruit Danny Crainie or Soccerroo Alan Davidson with partner Charlie Egan up front.

Kenny Murphy may be ready to resume after a long lay-off due to injury, but Makedonia isn't at all worried. Makedonia has yet to concede a goal and, according to coach Bill Murray, will get even better.

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BRISBANE LIONS 1 (D. Hunter 69th) MELBOURNE CITY 0 (Richie Ward). Crowd: 2411.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow 9 — Hunter 7, Jackson 8, Udell 8, Niven 6 — R. Stewart 7, Ogden 9 — Anderson 6, Wright 7 (Mulvey 86th), Morton 6 (Low 78th). Coach: C. Bennett.

CROATIA: Runje 7 — Deankovic 6, Macintosh 8, Curcio 6, Dugic 7, Campbell 6, Gojek 6 (Lipic 74th), Talić 6, Todoric 6 (Rehman 66th) — Ward 8, Biskic 7. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Ogden (BL), 5 Macintosh (MC), 4 Jackson (BL), 3 Liddell (BL), 2 Hannah (MC).

MARCONI 2 (Lowe pen 72nd, Brown 86th) INTER-MONARO 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1632.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Sterrey 6, Wheately 8, Rizzotto 6 — Gray 6, Mason 7, Henderson 6, P. Tredinnick 7, Gunning 6 (Brown 87th). Coach: LES SCHEINFLUG.

INTER-MONARO: Hosszowski 7 — Tulawa 7, Budini 7, Titias (13th Williams 6), Gagetti 6 — Wilcox 6 (D'Addario 73rd), Wetherspoon 5, Carbone 7, Ambrosino 6 — Walsh 7, J. Stewart 7 (Frank Macdonald 86th).

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Wheately (IM), 5 Lowe (MC), 4 Winn (IM), 3 Mason (IM), 2 Carbone (IM), 1 Hosszowski (IM).

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Latif 5th & 21st), SUNSHINE—GEORGE CROSS (Maclean 41st) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3759.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic 7 — Barakayevic 7, Kanc 8, Vulcic 6 (Pen 55th), Belic 8 — Curovic (Sims 67th), Bozivinovic (Oblik 61st), Tapai 7 — Stosic 8, Latif 8, Lujic 9. Coach: Dragosav Sekularac.

GEORGE CROSS: J. Stewart 8 — James 7, Richardson 8, Parson 8, Taylor 6 (Campbell 65th) — Bain 6, Faulkner 7, MacLaren 7 (Innes 85th), Markovski 8 — Guler 8, Lennon 6. Coach: John Gardner.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Lujic (AUST), 5 Nikitovic (JST), 4 Stosic (JUST), 3 Latif (JST), 2 Stosic (JST), 1 Markovski (GC).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (B. Brown 45th, Sweeny 56th) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Park, Newcastle. Crowd: 1500.

DURAKOVIC 7 — Durakovic 7, Lewis 8, Brown 8, Campbell 8 — Palitsides 7 (inj. Vesnaver 77th), Wade 7, Dowse 7 (Montemurro 79th), Culen 7, Patterson 4, Sweeny 8. Coach: Len McHenry.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — Honeyman 7 — T. Brown 6, Scott 6, Parfitt 5 — Soper 6, Stevenson 6, Manou 6, Scott 7 — Konstantopoulos 4 (McLaughlin 54th, 5), Price 4 (Papadopoulos 65th). Coach: Neil McGahey.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: 6 Lewis (BJ), 5 Sweeny (BJ), 4 E. Campbell (BJ), 3 Wade (BJ), 2 Honeyman (AH), 1 Scott (AH).

## NSL DETAILS

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Hunter 16th penalty, Tsatsikis 85th) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Cooper 61st penalty) at Olympic Village. Crowd: about 1200.

HEIDELBERG: Cooper 6 — Tsatsikis 7, Tsatsikis 7, Martin 6 — Papageorgis 6 (Mataxas 76th), Kanesouli 6, Valente 7 — Delignassis 6 (Angelos 63rd) Lucchesi 7, Tsatsikis 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

BRISBANE CITY: Cox 6 — Salvatore 6 — Mengotti 7, Caro 8, Broomefield 7 — Hogg 7, Hamilton 7, Fabrizio 7 (Latini 77th) — Milesevic 8, Cooper 6, White 7. Coach: Jim Hermiston.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Hunter (HA), 5 Milesevic (BC), 4 Semelidis (HA), 3 Tsatsikis (HA), 2 Card (BC), 1 Mengotti (BC).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Mullen 61st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Sports Park, Carlton. Crowd: 3759.

AC-JUVENTUS: McNally 9 — Higgins 6, Nyskohus 8, Shillabeer 7, Alberton 7 — Vidmar 5, Melia 8, Villani 7, Maybank 6 (Costanzo 74th) — Mullen 9, Maxwell 6. Coach: Zoran Matic.

SM-HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 7, McDowell 7, Postlethwaite 8 — Tasios 6, Davidson 7, Miranda 7, Nicolaides 7 — Egan 7, Craine 8. Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 McNally (ACJ), 5 Mullen (ACJ), 4 Nyskohus (ACJ), 3 Craine (SMH), 2 Meta (ACJ), 1 Postecoglou (SMH).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Peters Park, crow 7819.

OLYMPIA: Meier 6 — Rogers 7, Dakos 5 (Spanoudis 59th), Coates 7, Phillips 7 — Estavillo 6, Raskopelous 8, Johnson 6 (Brand 91st) — Soper 6, Stevenson 7, Kalantzi 6. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

CROATIA: Watson 7 — Savor 6, M. Kovacic 7 (Rezo 6, half time), Rozic 8, Jennings 8 — Clinch 7, Odzakovic 6, Rumor 7 — Jurin 7, Arnold 7, Lamond 8. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Estavillo (SO), 5 Johnson (SC), 4 Jennings (SC), 3 Rozic (SC), 2 Raskopelous (SC), 1 Meier (SO).

WOLLONGONG 0 ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1750.

WOLLONGONG: Young 7 — Green 8, Vilestra 7, Chiby 7, Morando 6 — Cokely 7, Murray 6, Rivero 6, Giraldi 6 — Batten 6, Kotamandis 6. Coach: John Fleming.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: 6 Lewis (BJ), 5 Sweeny (BJ), 4 E. Campbell (BJ), 3 Wade (BJ), 2 Honeyman (AH), 1 Scott (AH).

# Gary Ward for Adelaide?



● Gary Ward

Grzegorz Lato and two other Polish recruits. Meanwhile, another defeat is on the cards for APIA, which is meeting all of the best teams in quick succession.

Melbourne Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg is on record as saying he will quit if his team loses four games in a row. It has now lost three in succession, as it gets set to meet Adelaide Juventus at Olympic Park. Juventus has Neville Flounders back in defence after suspension, so Paul Shillabeer, recruited from Beograd, shifts to right back.

Victor Cristaldo has rejoined Croatia after failing the medical examination he had to undergo with the Argentinian air force. Although he has lived in Melbourne since he was seven, he was drafted for Argentinian military service when he turned 18 recently. He failed the medical because soccer has given him bad ankles!

Boom team Footscray J.S.U.T. has to make changes for its clash with Brisbane City at Spencer Park because sweeper Vojislav Vulcevic is suspended. Vlado Belic probably will take the sweeper's position, and either Marino Oblak or Suleiman Curovic will play at full back, although there's also the chance that Ljubo Petrovski will recover in time from an injury that has kept him out for two weeks.

Meanwhile, J.S.U.T.'s new soccer manager, Gus Macleod, is on the look-out for the recruits coach Dragosav Sekularac sees to strengthen the defense.

Sunshine George Cross, beaten 2-1 by J.S.U.T. last Sunday, will return the winning list of players to the league.

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# Nuts, wine not much soccer



Alex Vesic

**Man of the match:**  
**ROBERT WHEATLEY**  
(Marconi)

"Who knows, that might give them a lift," suggested a jovial character.

As for the action, well, Billy Wilcox had an early chance but hooked his shot wide, while at the other end of the first half, David Lowe shot straight at the keeper from close range.

Ian Gray was in the clear two minutes later and half after beating the offside trap. He rounded Hoszowski, but with the net wide open, he stopped and cut back for Lowe who took a shot from seven metres, hitting team-mate Rod Brown (!) on the goal-line.

Then came the smallest of breaks for John Walsh. He went on a through ball to face James but the Marconi keeper managed to dive at his feet and save.

Almost immediately, Walsh chased Lowe only to bring him down inside the area and Lowe made no mistake from the resultant penalty, much to the relief of coach Les Scheinfug.

Peter Tredinnick's 25-metre drive was brilliantly saved by Hoszowski, then came Lee Sterry with the miss of the match, mis-kicking from only five metres after a cross by Lowe.

With four minutes remaining, Marconi struck again. Carter flew down the right flank and cut back a low cross which Brown pushed into the net at the far post, 2-0.



• Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper Willie McNally misses, and the ball hits his team-mate Charley Villani in the face. Up with McNally are defender Gary Higgins and SM-Hellas striker Danny Crainie, while Alan Davidson looks on at left. Picture; FRANK HOBBS.

## McNally kept Hellas out

Allan Crisp

**AC-Juventus 1  
SM-Hellas 0**

Scorer: Mullen 61st.  
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.  
Crowd: 2500.

This game provided ample proof that the team that controls the major part of a game does not necessarily win it.

During long periods, Hellas ran Juventus ragged and held sway in midfield as it created countless chances.

Hellas had class players in all positions and their youthful skills were wonderful to behold.

Juventus, by contrast, had many players well below their best and they contributed precious little to the team's cause.

Why, then, did Juventus win while Hellas went home disheartened and disillusioned?

The answer is that Hellas did not show as much determination as the Juventus players who were on song — McNally, Mullen, Nyskohus, Shillabeer, and Villani.

Not could Hellas produce a goal of the pure class of Joe Mullen in the 61st minute.

Hellas paraded Scottish import Danny Crainie (Celtic, Wolves, Blackpool, Dundee) who made a fine debut as a front runner and later, in the second half, as a midfielder. Crainie looks like Ally Dick and his style is much like that of the Tottenham Hotspur winger but unfortunately for Hellas, he is too similar in stature to Charlie Egan. Hellas would be better served by a big target man.

Pick of the bunch was right midfielder Burin whose pinpoint passing was of textbook quality.



**Man of the match:**  
**WILLIE McNALLY**  
(AC-Juventus)

Hellas coach John Margaritis tried to inject change into his forward set-up moving Crainie to midfield and Alan Davidson to the front line to partner Egan.

That failed, however, as goalkeeper Willie McNally continued the brilliant form which made him the toast of the South Australian State team that won the DCM tournament in India late last year.

"What can you do when you dominate for 80 minutes and can't score?" lamented Margaritis.

"When you have a player like Charlie Egan, you expect him to score. I don't know the answer. I am only the coach, not a doctor."

Juventus coach Zoran Matic conceded that Hellas had been unlucky not to get at least a pointed, and he was far from happy about his own team.

"Some of my players must fight a bit more," he said.

This week, Neville Flounders will be back and Adrian Santrac and Paul Wilde are back in Juventus' Second Division team and close to CASL selection after injury.

The most heartening aspect for Juventus, apart from taking both points, was the successful return to the club of Paul Shalhauer (see page two).

Winger Mazzoni, recruited from Asztri, performed well in the reserves but is yet to play his first OASL game due to an ankle injury sustained while palying indoor soccer.

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**Man of the match:**  
**ALAN HUNTER**  
(Heidelberg)

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Although Brisbane City dominated the midfield, it was unable to capitalise on the good work of Bobby Hamilton, Steve Hogg and Luciano Fabrizio, due to Heidelberg's solid defence of Oliver, McKie, Hunter and Semelidis. Only on the left did Heidelberg look vulnerable. Where Dean Milosevic gave Steve Marley a torrid time.

There was plenty of end-end stuff, but the first-half Selektis kicked Paul White's header off the goal line with Oliver beaten and blocked the same players volley which had goal written all over it. At the other end, Nick Deligiannis shot over the bar from 10 metres, and Lucchesi was foiled by Robert Cox in a one-on-one situation.

Heidelberg took the lead in the 16th minute through an Alan Hunter penalty. Cox dropped a harmless-looking cross at the feet of Valentine whose first-time shot was handled on the goalline by Gary Bromfield.

Peter Tsolakis gathered the ball on the left, cut inside while shaking off a couple of challenges, played a quick one-two with Claude Lucchesi and slammed the return into the top corner of the net from 16 metres, an excellent goal by any standard!

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Brisbane equalised when Kieran Cooper was upended inside the area by Ian McKie. Cooper converted from the spot, sending Oliver the wrong way.

With the match evenly balanced, Tsolakis gave Heidelberg's Great outwavers an Easter present with his fine goal in the 85th minute.

Brian Garvey summed it up well after the match, when he said that two weeks ago against George Cross the team dropped a point when it should have had both. This time it gained both when perhaps it only deserved one.

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Blacktown made most of the running but to no avail and seven minutes after the resumption Thamnidis smashed home the winner.

He raced up the left flank, prodded to beat Demers' defender Peter Denyer and hit a rising ball with his right foot, well to the right of the goalkeeper Barry Hoare.

Blacktown, with Brian Ellem on Gary Byrne, stormed back into the attack.

Midfielder John Bradley hit the bar and then striker Joe Carroll brought the best out of

Ian Barker whose jack-knife save deflected a cannonball shot around the post.

Canterbury coach Dom Kapetanovic said his specially-devised tactics carried the day.

And he easily schooled Blacktown striker Carroll's tongue-in-cheek television comment that his team would score six on the day.

"We knew exactly how Canterbury would play but we ran out of ideas just as we did in 1985," said Blacktown coach Casey De Bruin.

"I am in no mood to complain over the result because we had 75 per cent of the ball and still couldn't score."

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Both coaches were well satisfied with the point.

But for Olympic, Greek Easter could have turned sour if Zeljko Jurić had not missed a penalty in the 55th minute when Dakos tripped Croatia wingerman Lamond in the box.

Jurić shot wildly and past the right hand post.

Former Olympic defender Graham Jennings saved two certain goals for his new club with goal-line clearances.

The first was from a curling cross by Olympic striker Mick Coady in the 49th minute and the second was from a Coady header in the 65th minute.

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Croatia centre back Marijan Kovacic had his nose broken in a first-half incident with Soper.

Croatia striker Graham Arnold and Olympic sweeper Tony Dakos were other casualties in a tough but highly entertaining match.

Arnold, who gave tremendous service to Croatia, received a yellow card after an acrobatic clash with Dakos.

He left the field and returned with his head bandaged and played his heart out.

Dakos was later substituted and had double trouble, according to Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer.

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# Bleiberg the fatalist

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN OGDEN**  
(Bris. Lions)



Ricky Rosso

being branded the "worst team in the southern division" and their commitment and effort proved how misguided the assessment was.

The team which took the Buffalo Cup winner with just one win and a draw from the first five games and struggling gloriously near the foot of the table.

"I don't say we deserved to win this game, but a draw would have been fair enough," he said.

Definitely, on its first-half performance, Croatia deserved at least a point.

But a side which spends much of the second half arguing — McIntosh and Campbell were prime examples or complaining from the field to the bench — Biskie the example — cannot expect to win.

Lions were smarting after

there was little he could do about that.

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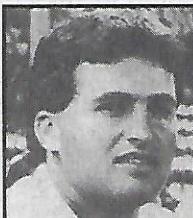
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• Miron Bleiberg

His non-stop work rate ensured Lions dominance in midfield, where Croatia fell away with alarming speed after the break.

Lions' willingness to stick to the task was rewarded at the death when John Stewart burst past Dave McIntosh before David Hunter, who powered in his first NSL goal.

Admittedly, there was an element of doubt as to whether he was offside, but that was



• David Hunter

clutching at straws as the Croats defence had been split wide open and the Melbourne side had no hope of stopping the goals.

"Everyone knows Lions is a good team, especially at home. They play with such determination that while they might not make the top five they definitely will finish mid-table. There are worse teams in the competition than Lions," Bleiberg said.

"Lions' new coach Col Ben-



• John Ogden

nett was estatic with his first win in the national competition and predicted many more ahead.

"We worked hard and deserved to win by two or three goals. We can play better than that. The team just has to start believing in itself," Bennett said.

The game was a thriller and both sides could have finished with two or three goals.

The match started at a furious pace but much of the football was played in the air. Once both sides settled on ball on the grass, they looked dangerous. Danny Wright, making a return after five weeks on the sidelines with an ankle injury, nearly scored on the 25th minute, and one minute later an Ogden shot was nodded off the line by Jim Campbell.

In the 30th minute, Davor Todoric drove home a Steven Golevits cross, but was ruled offside. Further disappointment for Croatia was to follow just 11 minutes late when Biskie turned brilliantly to fire a fierce shot, but his effort hit the top corner of the upright and rebounded away.

With Liddell marshalling the Lions defence, Croatia seldom threatened in the second half while Lions had several opportunities. Mirko Runje made fine saves of Morton and Clark Anderson to keep the score level.

But with frustration and discontent creeping into the Croatia game as the match wore on, Lions became more dominant.

Substitute Craig Low, making a return to the NSL after a three-month absence, exposed the tired looking Croatia defence and nearly scored twice in the final minutes before the eventual breakthrough came.



• Hugo Sanchez

## Real 5-1

REAL MADRID 5 (Sanchez 38th, Gordillo 42nd, Valdano 51st & 84th, Santillana 90th) COLOGNE 1 (K. Alfons 29th) first leg of UEFA Cup final at Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, crowd 85,000.

REAL MADRID — Agustin Sanchez, Camacho, Salguero, Miroslav Klose, Juanito, Butragueno, Santillana, M. Inaki Diaz (sub), Valdano, COLOGNE — Schumacher, Dugim, Gold, Gutierrez, Stein, Schmid, Littbarski (Dekker), F. Gonzalez, Bong (Huster), Alfonso.

Real Madrid took a commanding lead in its quest for an eighth European trophy by overwhelming Cologne of West Germany 5-1 in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final.

Argentine Jorge Valdano, with two goals, Mexican Hugo Sanchez, midfielder Rafael Gordillo and veteran striker Carlos Santillana scored for the Cup holder as Real celebrated its 200th European title in the grand manner.

Cologne skipper Klaus Alfons put his side ahead in the 29th minute but that only served to inspire Real in front of 85,000 fans in the Bernabeu Stadium.

After being foiled on several occasions by West German World Cup goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, the Madrid goal-machine retaliated nine minutes later when Sanchez homed in to round-trip from 12 yards by Valdano.

Then, with the crowd still drawing breath after Real captain Jose Camacho had cleared off the line, Real struck again in the 42nd minute through Gordillo, who headed home a free-kick by Juanito.

Seven minutes after half-time, striker Emilio Butragueno won a tackle out on the right; crossed to Gordillo who headed on for Valdano to score the third with ease from close in.

The Argentine pounced on a misplay to lob past Paul Steiner to double past Schumacher and score Real's fourth six minutes from time and 33-year-old Santillana added the fifth with a marvellous solo goal in the dying seconds.

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## Traianedes unbeaten after 450 minutes



Peter Desira

time and Con Opaesinas is starting to play the sweeper's role like an accomplished veteran.

Gully was similarly sound at the back in the first half, with Makedonia's Ron Campbell having an intriguing duel with the ever-improving Steve Douglas, while Sean Cummins and Steve McLennan combined to snuff out the Steve Smith — Sean Lane tandem.

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Sweeney 56th.  
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.*

*Crowd: about 1,500.  
Cautions: Sweeney (BJ),  
Manou, Honeyman (AH).  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 6.*

Linesman Eugenio Brazzale played a significant part in this sometimes spiteful contest when he decided that Martyn Crook hadn't kept Tim Brown's poor back pass in play just before half time.

Crook was incensed. He raced towards Brazzale, as did a couple of team mates, but the linesman was un-



**Craig MacKenzie**

moved and referee Stuart Mellings had little option but to back up his fellow official.

Three successive corners later, Juventus led 1-0. Brian Brown had headed in at the far post.

Crook mockingly applauded Brazzale as the players lined up for the restart and seconds later Mellings whistled for half time.

Mackenzie marched onto the pitch and spoke to both Brazzale and Mellings, as did

son respectively. Tim Brown and John Panagis were out wide and I suppose they were expected to push forward but Juventus's wide midfielders — Robbie Culien and Joe Palatisides — took that task upon themselves so Hellas ended up with five at the back for most of the first half.

That tactic won't win Hellas many friends away from home and it certainly didn't please the few Greeks I spoke to at the match.

Shortly after the start of the second half, McGachey pushed Dunn forward and put Brian McLaughlin in place of George Konstandopoulos, who hardly had seen the ball.

Hellas still was re-organising its defence with Brown

**Man of the match:  
PETER LEWIS  
(B. Juventus)**

coming inside as a man marker when the game was out of its reach.

In the 56th minute, a long kick from Yankos was headed on by Patterson and Sweeney got clear with just Crook to beat. Sweeney kept his cool and neatly slotted the ball past the Hellas goalie and into the bottom far corner to make it 2-0.

With Hellas hell-bent on getting men forward, it

played into Juve's hands. The game really opened up but it was the Victorians who had the better chances.

Hellas had to wait until the 94th minute before almost scoring. Chris Manou's low drive struck Mehmet Durakov and hit the far post. The ball bounced away from goal and was cleared.

At times the game epitomised Australian soccer at its ugliest without any player getting seriously injured, though.

John Dowie waded in with a grown-high tackle in the first half that elicited a hefty swing from Yanios. Had the punch landed, Dowie might well have ended up floating down the Yarra.

We all hate to see it but we see it week-in, week-out. Can anyone stop it?



• Aleksandr Zavarov

**Dynamite Dynamo!**

**DYNAMO KIEV 3 (Zavarov 5th, Blotkin 85th, Yuvteshenko 88th) ATLETICO MADRID 0. European Cup Winners' Cup Final in Lyon, France. Crowd: 140,000. Referee: Franz Woerther (Austria) 9.**

**DYNAMO KIEV:** Chanov 1-1 Bessonov, Baltschik (8th), Kuznetsov, Dzhidzhev, Yarush, Gulyayev, Kovchenko, Rats, Belanov, Zavarov (Yevushenko 69th), Blotkin.

**ATLETICO MADRID:** Fillo, Tomas, Arteche, Ruiz, Cleto, Mendieta, Diaz, Sanchez, Caballero (Soler 60th), Roberto Cabrera Da Silva.

Classy Ukrainian outfit Dynamo Kiev clinched the European Cup-Winners' Cup for the second time when it beat Atletico Madrid of Spain 3-0 in impressive style in the final in Lyon last weekend.

Dynamo won with breathtaking attacking panache which may well be without peer in European club football.

Aleksandr Zavarov headed Dynamo in front after just five minutes and although it played the Spaniards off the park, it had to wait until five minutes from time for Oleg Blotkin to administer the coup de grace after a sweeping move from left to right which ended with Blotkin lobbing the ball over the advancing Jaime Fillo.

Three minutes later substitute Vadim Yevushenko escaped the offside trap, rounded Fillo and completed the destruction of Atletico.



• Dragoslav Sekularac

**Man of the match:  
ZDRAVKO LJUJIC  
(Foot JUST)**

OK, it doesn't mean JUST will necessarily keep on winning, and perhaps its players will fall victim to those feelings and believe closing down, tackling and keeping it tight is everything. But I'd rather watch J.U.S.T. in defeat than many others in victory.

Even Jimmy Rooney, the George Cross assistant coach, marvelled at J.U.S.T.'s skill — Vlado Stosic's in particular. Ironically, in the context of what I have said so far, Rooney also praised J.U.S.T. for its new physical toughness.

But according to Rooney, J.U.S.T. was allowed to look as great as it did in the first half because George Cross played at least half an hour of "rubbish" football, says rather, that J.U.S.T.'s players made their opponents look that way.

Zdravko Lujic looked like Rumminger during a first half that was a nightmare for his opponent, Tyrone James. To his credit, James pulled himself together and put on a creditable second-half display.

Lujic perhaps relied too much on soccer Sekularac-style. Forwards don't stand around up front waiting for the ball, with defenders glued to their backsides. They drop back to fetch the ball, they get involved in all facets of play, there is inter-passing all over the place. And there are three forwards, not two.

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• Zdravko Lujic v Tyrone James (left).

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recent years to operate in a 4-2 formation, with two strikers banging their heads against four defenders. The so-called experts will give you all kinds of technical jargon to justify that way of playing, but the simple truth is that it is more and no less than the prevailing fashion. The execution of that style varies according to the ability of the players and the attitude of the coach, just as previous styles did. But there is no denying that by its very nature, 4-4-2 is defensive and

therefore not attuned to the needs of a sport that is rapidly losing supporters because they are not entertained by it. In effect, the soccer technicians have turned the game into its head through rules that pay no heed to all the fan who pays his hard-earned dollar at the gate. Remember that soccer, before it was tampered with, was a game for two full backs and five forwards. Now we have two forwards and at least four backs! But the real danger to the game is that tac-

tics also give rise to a state of mind. The prevailing state of mind is about closing down, tackling, hard running, keeping fit.

It is refreshing therefore, to watch soccer Sekularac-style.

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• Former Soccer captain Jimmy Rooney lamented the decline of sportsmanship as he spoke to Jimmie Dalglish awarded the points for a youth league game against George Cross, over a technicality.

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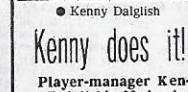


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• Kenny Dalglish

**Kenny does it!**

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish's 23rd minute winner gave Liverpool 1-0 win over Chelsea last weekend and clinched the English First Division title.

The 34-year-old Scot has quietly rebuilt the team in his first year as manager, and selflessly left himself on the substitutes' bench for most of the season, but continued to look like a player of genuine world class on his infrequent appearances.

"I'm delighted but it didn't really bother me who scored against Chelsea. Our success has been due to the hard work a lot of people have put in over the year," said Dalglish after the match.

## It's soccer Sekularac style



**Laurie Schwab**

**Foot JUST 2  
Geo, Cross 1**

*Scorers: 1-0 Latif 1, 2-0 Latif 21st, 2-1 MacLean 41st.  
Venue: Schintler Reserve.  
Crowd: 3759.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge*

*Sent off: Vukcevic 55th.  
Cautions: Vukcevic (JUST), Parton (GC), Barjaktarevic (JUST), Bain (GC).*

Dragoslav Sekularac was demonstrating with Coke cans what had happened out on the field. One row of cans represented the defence, the other row was the midfield.

He pulled the midfield row back towards the defensive Cokes and said: "In the second half, our midfield failed. They dropped back into our defence, instead of stopping George Cross further upfield."

Two reasons for that were: Vlado Bozovski had been ill and he was well below par until Sekularac finally replaced him with Marino Obilak; and Stojanovic Curovic was still having fits. The game still looked fair. While his exceptional skill was still evident he simply didn't last the distance and was replaced by Paul Simic.

Surprisingly, Sekularac didn't even mention that sweeper Vojislav Vukcevic was



• Zdravko Lujic v Tyrone James (left).



• Dragoslav Sekularac

**Rasic: 'We are too naive'**



**Peter Scott**

**SC-Hakoah 3  
APIA 1**

*Scorers: Kosmin 38th & 66th, Farina 70th.  
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.  
Crowd: 1848.  
Referee: Bob Mee 1.  
Cautions: O'Connor, Barnes, Farina (Hakoah), Bergogno, Morsello (APIA).*

What can be done by a coach when his players change tactics in mid-

stream, in direct contradiction of his instructions?

This is the dilemma that Rale Rasic tried to come to terms with after the aftermath of APIA's demise at the hands of a strong, confident and competitive Hakoah.

Strong, confident and competitive for 60 minutes, that is, because APIA definitely had the measure of Eddie Thompson's men early in the piece. "I told our boys to play wide

and stay out of physical clashes, as well as practising how to counter set plays by Hakoah all week long," Rasic lamented. "So what happens? We concede two goals from a corner and a free kick... they are too naive, how they teach their kids to do that."

As soon as Kosmin, but for a while it looked as if the APIA boys may have had a happy day under a Maroons' sky, the rain came down and the gathering storm clouds at the Athletic Field.

A nice through ball by Hristovski put Hakoah goalie McPherson under pressure in the fourth minute, but the highlight was to occur in the 22nd. Mark Koussas, whose National League career seemed as good as over with Olympic, scored his first goal for APIA from a Watson corner kick in the 5th minute was headed down by Gerry Gomez and Socceroo skipper John Kosmina whacked it in from close range for the equaliser.

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# Bottalico replaces Ackerley

Fil Bottalico, former champion player and coach of APIA, replaced former Socceroo captain Stan Ackerley at the helm of struggling Freshwater, which welcomed him with a fine 3-2 win over Penrith City at Cook Park.

Big spending Freshwater had fallen on lean times, with its defence leaking like a sieve. Its goals 'for and against' (11-13) more than illustrate the plight of the club.

Against Penrith though it was all systems go as O'Rourke converted a penalty after 20 minutes. Giannone was brought down inside the area and O'Rourke made no mistake from the spot.

Penrith came back to equalise in the dying seconds of the first half. Much-travelled Hector Martinez earned a free kick to Peter Nix, a quick shot followed and it rebounded to David Shute who placed it wide of Bowman.

Dennis Corrigan made it 2-0 ten minutes into the second half, then Mark Brady, after only five minutes on the Park, scored a spectacular goal from 45 metres.

Hector Edwards of his line heart out to keep Penrith out. Craig Thompson was Penrith's best player. Only 17, this youngster showed no fear of his opponents and led most of the raids in the concluding stages.



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

He was perfect, dropping in just under the crossbar. Eat your heart out Peter Tkachuk!

Then came a Penrith avalanche which lasted for the last 20 minutes. Leading by two clear goals, Freshwater fought with vigour to keep its lead intact but saw McLeod bring the scores closer with 10 minutes to go. A great cross by Craig Bowman saw McLeod beat Bowman with a fine header.

David Watt was Freshwater's hero, as he battled his way through the opposition to score a goal in the dying seconds of the first half. Much-travelled Hector Martinez earned a free kick to Peter Nix, a quick shot followed and it rebounded to David Shute who placed it wide of Bowman.

It was all plain sailing. Ilinden fought hard to move away from the foot of the table.

A mistake by Peter Berry in the 31st minute saw Van Helden score. Ilinden's keeper misjudged a cross by Drago Tomasic and Van Helden rose high to get to the ball.

A fierce battle developed with some of the tackles going beyond the "over enthusiastic" limit. It was not a game for the purists.

Uruguayan players were incensed after an incident in which Gary Hastie suffered a fractured jaw. Hospital report last Sunday night confirmed that Hastie suffered a severe break in three places!

It was from the studs of an opponent, claim the locals.

Rockdale Ilinden had its own complaint. With two minutes to go an incident almost caused an invasion of the pitch. Zlatko Novakovic, from the Manly Warringah area and was selected by Robert Krstovic, Nastevski, felt, referee Richard Lorenz waved play-on and the Ilinden bench led by its coach was enraged.

Police were called in to restrain Ilinden's coach who came to the side-line infuriated with the decision. Robert Krstovic insisted after the match that he had not touched Nastevski.

Goalkeeper Rosano judged every move to perfection, following Patrick Rodas, then Zlatko Novakovic in rapid succession. Van Nastevski, Ilinden's unaffiliated coach, intervened and would have won Man of the Match any other day of the week but for Rosano's blinder in goal for Uruguay.

And while Ilinden continues its search for success, the home side seems to have found its rhythm. Following its 7-0

drubbing by Melita in the opening round, Uruguay has now scored two wins and two draws in four matches without conceding a goal.

## Determination

After losing its last two home matches, Fairy Meadow surprised most by whipping Kuringai at Corrigan 3-0.

The home side was so determined to win that Kuringai had no chance. In fact, during the whole of the 90 minutes, Kuringai made just one break, with Mark Nile crossing for Nigel

Groome to slam one goalwards but Krajnovic was in no mood to let anything go past.

I have a sneaky suspicion that this lot from Fairy Meadow wanted to prove me wrong!

And they did in the most commendable way. Led by Phil and Larry Berringer, Meadow attacked from the first minute and kept Kuringai at bay, siege, with Kuringai's defence working overtime to keep the locals out.

After only 13 minutes, a cross by Darrel Burleigh was nodded on to Richard Pialt to hook one in at the post and Meadow was one up.

Norwood was wide in the 62nd but only five minutes later Larry Berringer made it 2-0. A corner kick by Phil Kerr was headed into the net by Berringer after a partial clearance found the tall man lurking close to the line.

Steve Baker could have made 3-0 in the 74th after a poor pass by Pialt. Baker faced Lacey but could not find the net.

With seconds tickling away, another corner from the right found Brian Norwood but his shot hit the woodwork with Steve Baker on hand to push it back into the net.

Ricky Piel, a youngster with the heart of a lion, took our points as man of the match.

## Eagles sink

Mark Harrington, Scott Hughes and Craig Hall led the improved Sutherland to an easy victory over the Sea Eagles at Cromer Park. In fact history repeated itself.

In a corresponding match last season Sutherland also won 2-0.

Mark Harrington, Sutherland's captain, took a little

time to adjust his sights as he unleashed a 25-metre bullet after only seven minutes to beat Catlin all ends up.

After 20 minutes it was Scott Hughes who increased the lead after Catlin could only parry a shot from Craig Hall and that was

Hall came close with a header, finding the woodwork in the 30th, then Scott Hughes turned benevolent when facing Catlin close to half time. He shot over the bar.

With the wind at its back, Sutherland was by far the better side and could easily have led by four or five.

Many made two changes to its side, with John Dick and Don Allan in at the expense of Davison and Edwarsdson. It was now time for the home side to start getting back, but the Sea Eagles never found fire power to get back at Sutherland and despite some gallant performances, went down.

## Wellbourne!

Anthony Wellbourne stopped Melita's progress with a 63rd minute goal to give Macedonia its second win of the season.

Wellbourne was the toast of Port Kembla as the locals celebrated the victory.

It was a fine goal indeed but you might say it was against the run of play.

Macedonia was left with 10 players soon after the restart when its half-time replacement for Krvkovs, Brian Robinson, was sent off.

Alvila stormed forward and set up camp inside its opponents' half. After 20 minutes in search of an equaliser but some fine defence by Chris Tavelyki kept Alvila at bay.

Zoran Blazic and Petar Marjanovic had fine games for Alvila but much of their good work was wasted close the line.

Serbian faces the keeper again in the 47th but shot over the bar, then came a Melita cr

for a penalty as Laing went down inside the area.

Andrew Callanan, who came on for Foxman in the 72nd, was on the Park for only four minutes when he struck the blow which opened the door to Melita's success. A Lenny Vial through ball let Callanan face the keeper and score.

Only two minutes later Meerbani and Vial played a one-two before Meerbani shot his shot under Anderson for 2-0.

After three minutes into the game and this time Ray Farrugia showed his class with a volley that gave Anderson no chance.

So what Melita could not do for 75 minutes of the game was done swiftly and efficiently in a five-minute period.

Alara and Melita meet on Sunday at Knight Park to decide the leadership issue and it is Alara that will benefit most, irrespective of the outcome.

It's been a long time "between drinks" for Alara and its supporters are happy enough just to see the club back among the leaders.

The game will be decided in the middle of the Park, with Marjanovic and Blazic more than enough opposition for Stone and Farrugia, Radak v. Serbas, McCoy v. Filipovic, Laing v. Bratkovic, Foxman v. Atalag... all intriguing battles.

Either side could take the points but one must lean towards the settled Melita side.

Sutherland should account for Penrith at Seymour and Kuringai should return to the winning list with the return of Craig Bass against Macedonia.

Polonia might find Uruguay a little hard to toss at Chopin Park and I wouldn't be surprised with a draw. However, I feel that Polonia could be in for a shock if its players do not approach the game with a better attitude.

Uruguay has the players and class to toss any side in the competition.

Rockdale Ilinden at home to Manly Warringah is a game which will decide Ilinden's fortunes. If it loses its aspirations will almost be doomed and with a game against the high-flying Sharks coming up the following weekend, the picture would become gloomy indeed.

Many has been strengthened by the return of John Dick and should provide more than a stumbling block for the home side. However, I tip Ilinden to win and that's it. Tavelyki, Blazic and Vince Nastevski is playing extremely well. If Genovese becomes more involved, goals look guaranteed.

Many is also good for a goal or two and that will provide for an exciting and entertaining game.

Fairy Meadow travels to Narrabeen to meet Freshwater. On paper Freshwater has a few more guns than its visitors. However, Fairy Meadow is better prepared and enjoys stability few teams can boast.

Thanks to Mike Johnson, the side has overcome its first-round jitters and now looks set to cause a few upsets.

# Avala v. Melita



## Air Malta player of the year award

### NSW STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	3	2	0	15	3	8
AVALA	3	1	1	7	3	7
SUTHERLAND	3	1	1	5	2	7
MANLY WARRINGAH	2	2	1	7	4	6
KU-RING-GAI	2	2	1	7	6	6
POLONIA	2	2	1	7	8	6
URUGUAY	2	2	1	5	7	6
WOLLONGONG MACED.	2	1	2	4	4	5
FAIRY MEADOW	2	0	3	7	7	4
FRESHWATER	2	0	3	11	13	4
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	0	1	4	6	12	1
PENRITH	0	0	5	3	15	0

2nd Grade: Melita — Polonia 6-0, Uruguay — Rockdale 3-3, Manly — Sutherland 0-2, Macedonia — Avala 2-2, Fairy Meadow — Kuringai 1-3, Penrith — Freshwater 1-2.

3rd Grade: Melita — Polonia 3-0, Uruguay — Rockdale 1-5, Manly — Sutherland 0-3, Macedonia — Avala 0-1, Fairy Meadow — Kuringai 4-3, Penrith — Freshwater 8-1.

### Leaders:

7. R. Piel (FM), R. Farrugia (ME)

6. Filipovic (A), Colusso (P), Tortevski (RI), Rosano (U)

5. Wilson (ME)

4. Watt, Walker (F), Campbell, Dean (MW), Sertbas (ME), Drys (P), Watson (K), Nastevski (RI), Burchmore (S), Muhibauer, Bingham (Mac).

3. Thurlow, Blazic (A), Berry (F), Stuart (MW), Stone (ME), Campbell (P), Sutherland (K), Hughes, Harrington (S), Genc (U), Giraldi (Mac).

URUGUAYAN 1 (Van Helden 31st) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Manly Park.

URUGUAYAN: Rosano 9 — Woods, Hastie 7 (69th Benitez), Krstovic 8, Tomashoff 7 — Mosquera 6, Pagano 6, Cuba 8, Genc 8 — Van Helden 31st, Carrizosa 5, Kraljevic 4, Nikolic 6, Jevic 7, Piloski 6, D. Wilson 7 — Darlington 6 (65th Nastevski 7) — Nastevski 9, Rodas 6 — Spirivs 6 (60th Ristevski 7) — Tortevski 8, Genovese 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Rosano (U), 2. Nastevski (RI), 1. Cuba (U).

FAIRY MEADOW 2 (Shute 45th, McLeod 83rd) FRESHWATER 1 (O'Rourke Pen., 15th, Corrigan 55th, Brady 60th) at Cook Park.

PENRITH: Edwards 6 — Brogan 5, Campbell 6, Kerrian 20th (Quarmby 6), Cross 5 — Chaw 7, Nix 7, C. Thompson 8 — Martinez 6, Hunter 7, Shute 6 (McLeod 70th).

FRESHWATER: Berry 6, Watt 8, Green 8, B. Bell 6 — Duckstein 5, A. Battiloc 5 (Bradford 7) — Davies 7, Corrigan 7, Walker 8, Giannone 5, Preston 75th).

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• John Markovski

## Latif scores

• From page 6

TOM Karic, who had yet another outstanding match in the centre of JUST's defence, surged forward in the 21st minute and gave the ball to Curovic who sent an inch-perfect long pass to Ljubic. Inside the box, Karic had just one touch on his hamstrings, preventing him from turning. Ljubic held it for a moment, waiting for a call. He got it from Latif to his right, played a simple short pass, and Latif did the rest. It was 2-0 and JUST was running hot.

Then Markovski the wonder boy let go with his first shot at goal, whistled narrowly wide but it had a lot of power. Markovski, by the way, was the team because Novak Miten was injury. Markovski played wide, while Mark Lennon partnered Gilderman up front.

Slowly, George Cross clawed its way back into the game. It started with Gilder shooting over the bar after a cross from James in the 33rd minute, and then, four minutes before half time, it was suddenly 2-1.

From out of the blue, Don MacLaren drove a low shot past defenders galore and also wide of the outstretched fingers of Nikolic, into the far side of Novakovic, from the far side of goal. From there, by air Faulkner, Markovski, a promising header a bit too high but he did well even to reach the ball, because he really had to stretch for it.

Markovski got past Rade Barjakterevic in the 54th minute and sent the ball square across Kastner who was at the near post, finding Stosic in the middle. Somehow, however, Kastner raced back into the middle and blocked Stosic's shot with his legs.

Stosic fell in his scoring attempt, and as he was getting up, he was trod on by Chris Taylor. Referee Bambridge, however already was up with the play at the other end, where Vukcevic sent Lennon sprawling. It was Vukcevic's second offence, so he was sent off.

George Cross had just pinned in defence for long periods, and just RESTED on counter-attacks.

Markovski hit the bottom of the post with a close-range shot in the 60th minute, the ball rebounded to the other side of goal where Gilder missed the best chance of the game.

Karic prevented a George Cross goal when he hooked the ball away from the feet of Parton in the box, and at the other end, James dispossessed Ljubic who was lining up a header. Gilder had given up in the ball.

Nikolic made the best save of the match when he flicked one hand at a point-blank header from Markovski, turning it over the bar for a corner in the 83rd minute, and then Kevin Innes came into the George Cross attack, replacing midfielder MacLaren.

Kastner emulated Nikolic with two minutes to go. Stosic spotted Kastner off his line and played a beautiful chip which would have ended up in the net. Kastner back-paddled however and tapped the ball over the crossbar.

# Let's tell FIFA: solve Israeli shemozzle or we'll pull out



LES MURRAY

WHEN Bulgaria and Italy kick off the 1986 World Cup tournament on May 31 there will no doubt be more green envy from Australia, more tears shed that we are not there as indeed we should be.

But that will be only half the pain. Doubling the agony, like having a tooth pulled knowing you have to be back the next day in the same dentist's chair, will be the fact that there is precious little chance we'll be there for the next one.

Don't know about you but I'm not too encouraged by the prospect that we are to meet a South American outfit (if we win Oceania) in the next World Cup.

I'm not so sure we should be relieved that, instead of Scotland, we will now face a Paraguay, a Chile or a Peru. Or even Colombia or Bolivia!

FIFA — and by FIFA I mean its entire 150-national membership not its executive — has cheated us out of this World Cup and is about to cheat us out of the next.

A European hurdle or a South American hurdle — what's the difference?

This kind of journalistic whine about our World Cup lot is not the first and neither will it be the last. Because the point has to be driven home, driven home ad nauseum if need be.

The Oceania Confederation, as puny and weak-kneed as it is, ought to stand up and fight.

Fight harder and fight by addressing the central reason why we had to meet Scotland the last time.

As I tried to illustrate in SBS-TV's recent two-part documentary, "The Elusive Goal," the central reason was Israel or rather Israel's exile.

And you can forget all the other hogwash, all the superficial, decorative excuses so far given, like Oceania being too small to be not being part of Asia etcetera.

I mean the Asians tell us we are, according to some atlas, not part of Asia. But then they conveniently forget that Israel is, leaving it to be banished to wherever the fumbling FIFA executive in Zurich decrees.

And the same goes for Taiwan.

In fact, the Asian behaviour, particularly that of Far East Asia, is singularly the most despicably racist in the history of FIFA.

They tell us "We don't want you white bastards in Asia" (and we're a little quiet on one Asian official as it was said to one of ours) and then play the same deal on some of their own.

I mean, have you noticed that in the qualifiers for Mexico, not one Arab nation was drawn to meet a Far East nation?

Now, that must have been awfully convenient to our friends from the Far East all of whom have a defeatist fear of the height and muscle of Europeans, from whom the Arab (and of course Israeli) players are not much different.

What next? Maybe a further split in the draw where all nations with an average height of nine feet tall and all matches will go into one hat and those who are one inch shorter, or taller, in another.

No, the core of the problem is Israel. The world doesn't want it in the World Cup, and I suggest anyone who's lumped it with it will naturally suffer Israel's predetermined fate.

So one way to fight back is to do the indecent thing that Asia and Europe have done: reject Israel. It is certainly not part of Oceania and should be the last nation drawn with us on a geo-graphical basis.

The other, more blunt, more self-sacrificing and more spectacular step could be to simply say to the big boys in Zurich: "You don't want to treat us like you do the other Third World Confederations, then we don't want you. We will secede from FIFA."

Secede from FIFA! Not from the World Cup.

Succeding from FIFA means being outside FIFA's jurisdiction. Not playing by its rules. Poaching players without paying transfer fees and the like, as we did in the '50s.

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# Rivera remembers

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## World Cup count-down: No. 18

### Sirakov sparked 3-0 victory over Denmark



• BULGARIA, from left: Sadkov, Konstantinov, Arad Petrov, Valov, Dimitrov.

A month ago, Bulgaria could have been confidently dismissed as merely one of the teams in Mexico to make up the numbers.

However, the manner in which it destroyed the much-vaunted Denmark 3-0 at Sofia early in April proved that the Balkan team is worthy of great respect.

The Bulgarians' individual skills, one-touch passing and explosive shooting was the equal of any that night and if such form could be reproduced in June, it would be a genuine contender to actually lift the trophy.

Alas, Bulgaria's record away from home suggests that this is extremely unlikely, particularly as it is among the teams which will find Mexican conditions particularly alien.

During Bulgaria's last World Cup finals appearance, that of 1970 — coincidentally also in Mexico — it managed just one point — squeezed from little Morocco.

At least, a more creditable performance can be expected this year.

As Denmark will testify, Bulgaria is a dark horse capable of unpredictable performances. Unfortunately, track conditions will probably put them out of the running for ultimate success, but expect the Bulgars to display resilience and competitiveness throughout their campaign.

After the widely publicised battle which followed last year's national cup final, its contentious wholesale suspensions and restructuring of the nation's two major clubs, Bulgarian soccer urgently needs a good display in Mexico to restore pride. That extra incentive may be sufficient to produce Bulgaria's most satisfactory World Cup to date.

#### Possible squad:

BORISLAV MIKHAILOV (Vratsa): Keeper during the period Mikhaylov was not available for international duty, he has subsequently become the Vratsa man's only international-class goalkeeper.

ILIA VITOSOV (Vratsa): First choice keeper during the period Mikhaylov was not available for international duty, he has subsequently become the Vratsa man's only international-class goalkeeper.

GEORGII VELINOV (Sredets): Reliable, though not brilliant, keeper in Eastern Europe, he has been a regular for the national team since 1986; with that record, he has a good chance of becoming the third keeper for the national team.

ERASMOV KONSTANTINOV (Vitosha): Steadfast young defender who cemented a place in the team immediately after winning his first cap last year.

NIKOLAI ARABOV (Spartak Sliven): A reliable back-four man known for the ruggedness of his tackling...

VLADIMIR SADKOV (Vratsa): Steadfast, solid, experienced defender who has established himself in the team despite playing for an unashamed provincial club.

GEORGI DIMITROV (Sredets): Consistent, a capable defender who is a lightning-quick player whose pace shown as a youth. Basically a stopper, he can produce stunning shots at goal when moving upfield. Team captain and the current Bulgarian Footballer of the Year, his brother, Tsvetko, is also an international.

PETAR PETROV (Vitosha): A defender who is strong in the tackle and aggressive, despite his slight frame. He was one of the principal participants in the infantile brawl down last year's World Cup, yet escaped suspension.

EMLI DIMITROV (Lokomotiv Tsvetkov): A creator and screamer of goals who made his international debut against Spain last year and has retained his place in the squad.

ILIA DIYAKOV (Dobrudzha): Defender whose ability to score goals was illustrated by a successful strike on his international debut against East Germany in February.

ANYO SADKOV (Lokomotiv Plovdiv): An inspirational figure in midfield, a superb ball-winner who triggers many counter attacks with forceful runs from his own half.

ZHEVKO GOSPODINOV (Spartak Ruse): Linkman who is highly regarded in Bulgaria, but unused outside it. He has been likened to England's Bryan Robson.

PLAMEN GETOV (Spartak Pleven): Midfielder-cum-striker who is something of a free kick specialist. Considered one of the best free kick takers in Europe, he was vital to Bulgaria's qualification for the World Cup finals.

HRISTO KOLEV (Lokomotiv Plovdiv): Lively midfielder who produced some excellent performances during Bulgaria's recent acclimation tour of Mexico.

RADOSLAV ZDRAVKOV (Sredets): Bulgaria's most respected player, having starred in many international tournaments and Cup encounters. The 1985 Bulgarian Footballer of the Year, he now operates almost exclusively in midfield, but has played as striker. Almost 70 caps to his name.

NASCOS SIRAKOV (Vitosha): Midfielder who returned to Bulgaria after a nine-month long suspension with two goals and a brilliant performance in the 3-0 de-

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motion of Denmark in April. A

STOICHKO MILADENOV (Sredets): The veteran of many epic battles for both Bulgaria and his former club, CSKA, took top honours before last year's Cup Final defeat, before being reinstated to the squad in December. Can play in either attack or midfield.

KOSTADIN KOSTADINOV (Trakia Plovdiv): A defender who is strong in the tackle and aggressive, despite his slight frame. He was one of the principal participants in the infantile brawl down last year's World Cup, yet escaped suspension.

ANDREI ZELJAKOV (Spartak Plovdiv): Tall, robust veteran who was rewarded for sterling service with a transfer abroad. Played for FC Zurich (Switzerland) and Feyenoord (Holland) before moving to France. Now mainly employed as a central striker, but has had experience as a midfielder and libero.

ROUSSO GOCHEV (Vitosha): Striker who has the happy knack of scoring important goals for both his club and Bulgaria.

ATANAS PAVSEV (Trakia Plovdiv): An explosive and speedy deep-lying striker who has impressed with form and style. Madridejos' latest recruit, Gegen, began his career as a mid-fielder and libero.

EDUARD ERANOVAN (Lokomotiv Plovdiv): The Bulgarian League's leading goalscorer in 1983-84 with 19 goals, he had to wait until December 1985 to get his senior international debut. First few games have been as a substitute.

BOJINDOZ IERENKOV (Vitosha): Pacy, skilful winger who has only just recovered from an injury sustained in a car crash. A vital cog in the Bulgarian line-up.

IVAN UVTOSOV (Coach): Capped by Bulgaria as a centre half in the 1984, he joined the national under-23s staff and挂上了 his boots and was appointed national team coach in 1982.

## Matches of World Cup f

### DENMARK

Iraq v. Denmark 0-2  
Iraq 2-0  
Bahrain v. Denmark 1-1  
Qatar v. Denmark 1-1  
Mexico v. Denmark 1-1  
Northern Ireland v. Denmark 1-1  
Bulgaria v. Denmark 3-0

### ENGLAND

Egypt v. England 0-4  
Israel v. England 1-2  
USSR v. England 0-1  
England v. Scotland 2-1

### FRANCE

France v. Northern Ireland 0-0

France v. Argentina 2-0

### WEST GERMANY

Italy v. Germany 1-2

Germany v. Brazil 2-0

Switzerland v. W. Germany 0-1

### HUNGARY

Oman v. Hungary 0-3

Hungary v. Brazil 2-0

Iraq v. Denmark 2-2

Iraq v. Oman 3-2

### IRAQ

Iraq v. Denmark 2-2

Iraq v. Denmark 2-2

Iraq v. Oman 3-2

### BULGARIA

East Germ. v. Bulgaria 2-1

Morocco v. Bulgaria 0-0

Bulgaria v. Denmark 3-0

Bulgaria v. Bulgaria 0-2

### BRAZIL

W. Germany v. Brazil 2-0

Hungary v. Brazil 3-0

Brazil v. Peru 4-0

Brazil v. East Germany 3-0

### CANADA

Canada v. Paraguay 0-0

Uruguay v. Canada 3-1

Canada v. USA 0-0

San Marino v. Canada 0-1

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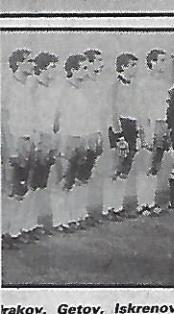
last year Rivera celebrated 25th anniversary with Milan posed smiling for photographers with then-owner and chairman Giuseppe Farina in front of the red-and-black colours. But only a few months later he had faded and Rivera was caught up in a bitter row over ownership of Milan. He lined up behind Farina in unsuccessful bid to stop television magnate Silvio Berlusconi from buying the club.

## Rossi makes it!

**WORLD CUP holder Italy named four long-serving veterans — including 32 hero Paolo Rossi, who's been largely inconsequential this season — for Mexico defence.**

Bearzot ended months speculation and seconded with the naming of his

**BULGARIA**



karov, Getov, Iskrenov, Gospodinov, Gotschev,

## England's squad

England manager Bob Robson dropped veteran striker Trevor Francis from his World Cup squad for Mexico.

Francis is one of six players who have been placed on standby in case of injury to the selected squad.

Steve Hodge made himself a certainty with his man-of-the-match performance against Scotland — only three months after his first international.

Manager Robson has persevered with strikers Kerry Dixon and Mark Hateley to assist the in-form Gary Lineker even though their recent performances have been poor.

**England's squad**

Peter Shilton (Southampton), age 36, caps 29

Chris Woods (Norwich) 26

Gary Bailey (Man Utd) 27

Viv Anderson (Arsenal) 29

Gary Stevens (Everton) 23

Kenny Sansom (Arsenal) 27

Terry Butcher (Ipswich) 27

Alvin Martin (West Ham) 27

Terry Fenwick (QPR) 26

Gary Stevens (Tottenham) 24

Bryan Robson (Man Utd) 29

Ray Wilkins (AC Milan) 29

Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham) 28

Steve Hodge (Aston Villa) 23

Mark Hateley (Sheffield Wednesday) 25

Dave Watson (Norwich) 24

Stewart Robson (Arsenal) 21

Paul Bracewell (Everton) 23

Trevor Francis (Sampdoria) 32

Mick Harford (Luton) 27

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**NORTHERN IRELAND** v. Northern Ireland 0:0  
Northern Ireland v. Denmark 1:1  
Northern Ireland v. Morocco 2:1

**ITALY** v. Germany 1:2  
Italy v. Austria 2:1

**KOREA REPUBLIC** v. Hong Kong 0:2  
Paraguay v. Korea Rep. 3:1  
Paraguay v. Bahrain 2:1  
Qatar v. Paraguay 1:1

**MEXICO** v. East Germany 1:2  
Mexico v. USSR 1:0  
Mexico v. Denmark 1:1

**MOROCCO** v. "U-21" 1:0  
Morocco v. Bulgaria 0:0  
Morocco v. Morocco 0:0  
Morocco v. Zambia 1:0  
Morocco v. Morocco 1:0  
Morocco v. Morocco 2:2  
Morocco v. Morocco 2:0

**PARAGUAY** v. Paraguay 0:0  
Paraguay v. Jamaica 4:1

**USSR** v. USSR 0:0  
Russia v. USSR 1:0  
USSR v. England 0:1  
Romania v. USSR 2:1

When Farina resigned, amid allegation about financial irregularities, Rivera tendered his resignation to the new owner and then tried, fruitlessly, to withdraw it.

Now the dust has settled and Rivera remains a "minister without portfolio" within the club but insists that relations with the new regime are amicable. "I no longer have a title but I am still closely tied to the club," he said.

In his first season with Milan, the club finished runner-up to Juventus in the Italian championship. In the second, helped briefly by England's Jimmy Greaves who stayed just two

months in Italy, Milan won the league title — the first of many prizes Rivera was to share with the club.

Christened "Golden Boy" by fans, Rivera became team captain and demonstrated a loyalty bordering on stubbornness.

An argument with the referee of a match against Sardinian side Cagliari in 1976, and his subsequent comments about the referee's precision, earned him a 10-week ban.

Rivera helped Milan to win the league title again in 1968 and 1979, the European and Cup Winners' Cup twice, the Intercontinental Cup once and the Italian Cup three times.

He was also in the Italian side that won the European Champi-

onship in 1968 and was awarded the "Golden Ball" as outstanding player of the tournament, with a citation praising him for "the sense of poetry he has given the sport".

"I think Italy will do well but they are only one of five or six teams that can win," he said, citing Argentina, Brazil, West Germany, France and England as other favourites.



• PORTUGAL, from left, back row: Eurico, Inacio, Lima, Perreira, Magalhaes, Joao Pinto, Bento. Front: Andre, Gomes, Pacheco, Futre, Carlos Manuel.

It is little wonder that Portugal is labelled Europe's most inconsistent national team, for nearly all its key players are notoriously enigmatic.

Manuel Bento, Carlos Manuel, Jaime Pacheco, Fernando Chaves, Fernando Gomes and Paul Futre can look world-class when on song, but if off form each appears to be abysmally inept. Portuguese prospects in Mexico are unpredictable.

The Portuguese already have made an impact on this World Cup. Their 1-0 win in Stuttgart last year marked the end of West Germany's proud boast of never having lost a World Cup qualifying game (only Brazil can now make such a claim).

This will be the first appearance Portugal has made in the final stages of its Euro-inspired combination gained third position in 1986. Similar success can be confidently discounted for the 1986 Mundial.

What we can anticipate with reasonable assurance is a minimum of one noteworthy display as a unit and some exciting, though sporadic, moments of in-

dividual genius from Chalana, Carlos Manel, Futre and Gomes.

They, at least, will make Portugal's cameo role in Mexico memorable.

**Possible squad:**

MANUEL BENTO (Benfica). Enigmatic, veteran (38 on June 23), goal-keeper who may well be the key to Portugal's world Cup fortunes. When in form, a superb shot-stopper; can thwart any attack, but if having an off day he is truly terrible. Joined Benfica from Barreirense early in his career.

DAMAS (Sporting, Lisbon). Another "elderly gentleman" between the posts, he is 38 and was recalled to the Portuguese squad for the 1984 European Championship finals.

KERIAGO (Porto). So named in order to avoid confusion with his younger brother, Alberto. Carles Bastos Lopes (Lisbon) is his double. Both are reliable, solidly built, and good in the air.

JOAO PINTO (Porto). Right back who came through the 1984 European Championship finals and is now established among the top European defenders.

AUGUSTO INACIO (Porto). An

overlapping left back, he made his debut for Portugal back in 1975, but won a regular place in the team July last year.

ALVIM (Benfica). A wily, world-class full-back who has almost 50 caps to his credit. One of the stars of the 1984 European Championship finals.

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ZE BETO (Porto). Has not figured in Portugal's plans since being suspended from Euro 84 competition.

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## Marconi in testa

Lo scorso turno della lega nazionale ha visto un ulteriore consolidamento delle squadre italiane che vanno per la maggiore e un ulteriore scivolone delle pericolanti.

La Juventus di Melbourne e la Juventus di Adelaide hanno conquistato i due punti che le hanno salutamente insediate nelle primissime posizioni della classifica, ad una lunghezza dalle capoliste Preston e St. George.

I Marconi, disfacciati con qualche difetto dell'Inter Monaro nel derby italiano del girone settentrionale, ha conquistato la prima poltrona approfittando del fatto che le dirette avversarie hanno impattato o addirittura perso l'Olympic e il Croatia hanno finito sullo 0-0, il Wollongong ha pareggiato con il St. George e il Blacktown è persa in casa con il modesto Canterbury.

Apla, Brisbane City e Monaro sono scappati dagli incontri di domenica scorso e rischiano di perdere quattro ancora di più "ad eccezione del Monaro naturalmente che più scenderà" poiché il prossimo turno si pronostica molto dura.

L'APIA ospiterà l'Sydney Olympic ed avrà il compito praticamente impossibile, anche se alquanto più "facile" del Brisbane City che ospiterà il JUST di Sekularac; per il Monaro il Blacktown dovrebbe essere un osso troppo duro.

Gli impegni delle "grandi" sembrano sempre molto meno difficili. I Marconi andranno a far visita ad un non irresistibile St. George e dovranno tornare a casa con l'intera posta e magari mettere ancora qualche punto di distacco fra sé ed alcune delle inseguienti! L'Adelaide City Juventus farà visita a quel Croatia che, dopo un folgorante precampionato, ormai sta collezionando una sconfitta dopo l'altra; la Juventus farà visita al modesto Dunn.

Pecato che Patterson era in giornata negativa a fianco dei

rientrante Sweeney e che quest'ultimo per di più abbia mancato altre ottime occasioni, altrimenti il punteggio finale sarebbe stato molto più' spicciato Flounders).

Oltre alle prove gridaibiane di Durakovic e Palatsidis, ottime è stata anche la prova di Peter Lewis nell'insolito ruolo di libero; ma su tutti ha giganteggiato ancora una volta Brian Brown che ha controllato agevolmente tutte le palle alte che spiovevano in area, ha annettato i suoi diretti avversari (Manou nel primo tempo e Dunn nel secondo tempo) ed ha segnato l'importante primo rettangolo. Ha sbucciato il risultato ed ha spinto gli avversari ad aprirsi e così' rendere più' facile il compito degli attaccanti juventini.

E' stato anche un piacere vedere l'allenatore bianconero dare la "chance" ai due giovanissimi rincalzi che sedevano in panchina una volta che il risultato era stato acquistato Così' Vesnare e Montemurro hanno fatto il loro esordio in Lega Nazionale e tutti e due, dopo il naturale nervosismo iniziale, sono riusciti ad entrare nel gioco con grande distinzione e mettendo in mostra maturità e buon tocco di palla.

La Juventus di Adelaide ha invece dovuto sudare le prove verbali sette camicie per battere il South Melbourne Hellas che ha trovato nell'estremo del flessore bianconero McNally un uso impossibile da rodere. Anche qui la solida struttura della squadra bianconera le ha permesso di passare una prova impegnativa nonostante i titani fuori squadra (per l'occasione mancava anche lo Springvale).

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Domenica prossima i ragazzi di Peter Boyle ospiteranno il Morwell che, anche se in ripresa, non dovrebbere tanto impensierirli. La partita sarà determinante ai fini della classifica poiché il Frankston Pines potrebbe rimetterci le penne contro i campioni in carica del Croydon e il St. Albans rischia grosso contro la Croydon, St. Albans.

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Fawkner midfielder Davie Nixon flew in yesterday (Tuesday) and will line up for Fawkner against Morwell Falcons at Smith Reserve on Sunday.

Fawkner midfielder Fab Mancinelli is out suspended so coach Peter Boyle won't have to worry about which player to drop to make way for Nixon.

Ironically, Nixon's first game in his second stint in Victorian soccer is against the club that almost signed him a few seasons ago after his spell with Northcote.

At that time, Don di Fabrizio was president of Northcote and held Nixon in very high regard.

Rightly so, as State League fans are about to find out in coming weeks.

The championship aspirations of Frankston Pines and Croydon will be put into a clearer perspective after they clash at Monterey Reserve on Saturday.

Pines coach Danny McMinimee no doubt will turn up in time for this important clash.

McMinimee was held up in traffic and arrived about 15 minutes late for his clash with Western Suburbs last Sunday!

Graham Watson played for 20 minutes in the Pines reserves last weekend and is expected to play a full game in the reserves this weekend as his recovery from knee ligament problems continues.

Dennis Boland still is battling to overcome a groin injury and if he can't play against Croydon, young Rick Janssen would carry tremendous responsibility onto the park. Then again, Janssen no doubt will be helped by the presence of experienced Rob Nelson as sweeper. Stopper Frank MacLeod hopes to be available after suspension. He'll front the tribunal this week.

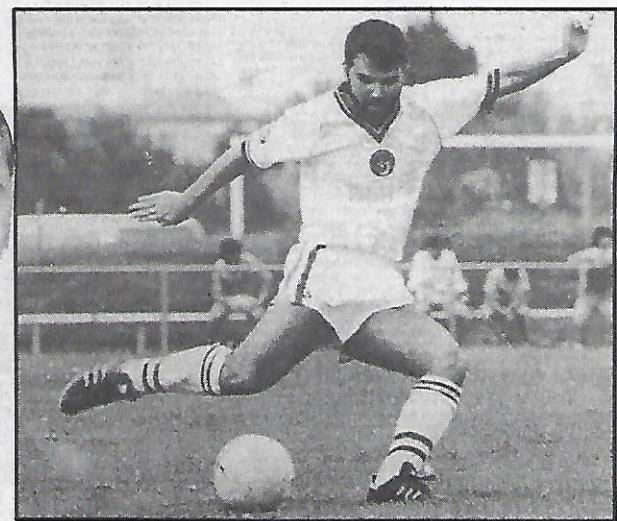
Stan Webster played in midfield against Suburbs and had a great game. He's all go and his ability to get forward gives Pines plenty of drive.

Sounds like I'm tipping a Pines victory, doesn't it?

I've backed Croydon to win successive championships and I'm not about to change my tune. Jim MacLean and Andy Humble have made Croydon an even better team this year than the one that won the club's first ever State League championship in 1985, in fact I think that MacLean is the finest midfielder in the league.

Graham French is having another good season and if MacLeod plays, their clash will be well worth watching.

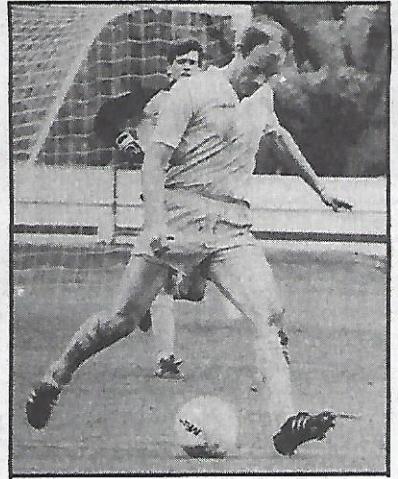
Box Hill expects Scottish



Croydon midfielder Alex Livingstone — can his side knock off Frankston Pines in their big State League clash at Monterey Reserve on Saturday? Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

## Nixon arrives, Croydon will triumph!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Frankston Pines sweeper Rob Nelson.

striker Laurie McKenna from Kilmarock to arrive tomorrow (Thursday), and coach Keith Webster will have to decide whether or not to change the side that thrashed Northcote 5-0 last weekend.

Mckenna may be given time to acclimatise and could have a run in the reserves when the Hillmen tackle Western Suburbs at Wembley Park on Sunday.

Dave Azzopardi looks to have hit top form again and that's a bonus for Box Hill, which can knock off Suburbs here.

The Albans Dinamo is flying high right now but will find Springvale City an uncompromising opponent when they clash at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

I'm tipping a draw. The Vales expect striker Brian Deans to arrive from Scotland within a fortnight and coach Bobby McLachlan also is trying to sign a midfielder from the U.K.

Gus Macleod, who accepted the job as manager of Footscray JUST recently, finished his stint as assistant coach of Springvale last weekend and was given a rousing send-off by the players.

Now that Gus is gone we can afford to buy four players." McLachlan quipped after Springvale's 4-0 win over Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Wilhelmina clearly is one of the poorer sides in the league

but it can grab another precious point when it clashes with Northcote at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday.

Northcote last week sacked Paris Skamadas and hired Frank Munro as coach.

Ringwood Wilhelmina should provide Polonia with its third win of the league season when they meet at Jubilee Park on Sunday. Polonia striker Janusz Przybyla still is injured but the club hopes to have Greg Warszawski, a former Wilhelmina player, back from injury.

Thomastown and Caulfield may share the spoils at Partridge Reserve on Sunday only because Thomastown isn't going up front and may need to capitalise on Caulfield's dreadful defence.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

**SATURDAY**

St Albans Dinamo v Springvale City (draw) at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.  
Frankston Pines v CROYDON at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

Melbourne v Northcote (draw) at J.T. Gray Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY

Ringwood Wilhelmina v POLONIA at Jubilee Park, 3pm.  
BOX HILL v Western Suburbs at Wembley Park, 3pm.  
FAWKNER v Morwell Falcons at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

Thomastown v Caulfield (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

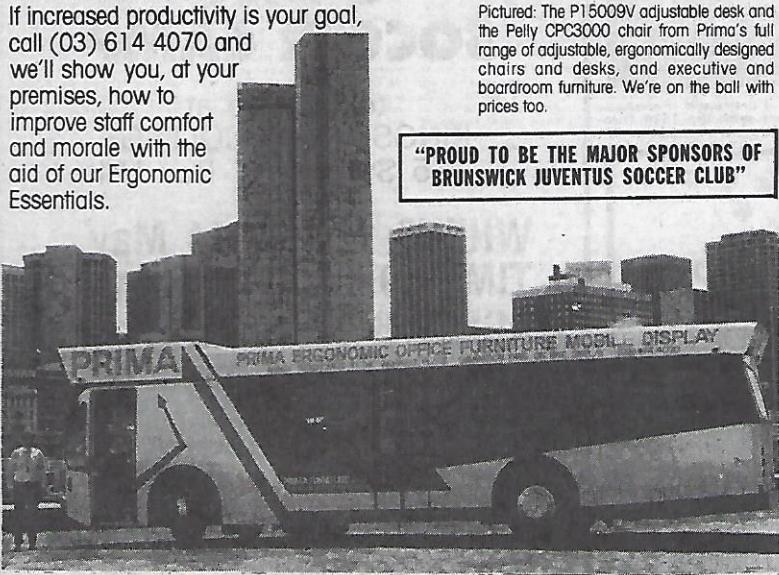
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# Throw away your coaching manuals and go watch Caulfield

By  
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## Caulfield City playing at Princes Park.

If you take a coaching manual with you, you won't find a chapter to describe the way Caulfield plays. Don't be silly enough to turn to the chapter entitled: "Closing Down". Or

the one entitled: "Defensive Organisation".

There has been an avalanche of goals at Princes Park this season. Caulfield's results there have been: v. Northcote 5-3; v. Croydon 0-3; v. Ringwood 5-1; v. St Albans Dinamo 1-4.

That's a total of 22 goals in four games!

Frankly, if Caulfield wasn't good going forward, it probably would be anchored to the foot of the league ladder.

Dinamo took just 38 minutes to run up a 4-0 lead against Caulfield last Saturday.

Its first goal came from a superb first time drive by Ante Kustura in the fifth minute. Constantopoulos got his hands to the ball but couldn't stop it going in.

A Dennis Morovic header hit the bar in the 10th minute, a fine shot from Angie Filippou in the 24th minute forced Mato Grgic into a good save and in the 28th minute Danny Dezie's superb through ball picked out Kevin Lloyd whose volley from close range made it 2-0.

Morovic scored in the 35th minute. Branko Culina and Ned Batnovic played a fine one-two on the right and Culina slipped the ball under the body of the diving Constantopoulos. Morovic slid in to force it over the line as Constantopoulos tried to recover.

Three minutes later, Morovic struck again. Zdenko Bjeljacic played the ball to Lloyd on the right. He spotted Morovic making a break towards the far side of the Caulfield area and sent the ball there. Angie Kotsios had come on for the injured Peter Tsitsikas and had the ball covered but instead of knocking it back to Constantopoulos he blasted Morovic clear and slid in from behind Kotsios to knock the ball past the advancing

A superbly weighted ball from Zdenko Bjeljacic in the 78th minute but Grgic got down well to save and within a minute, the star of the match, Dinamo midfielder Mark Wilson broke clean on the left, cut inside a defender then blasted the ball over from six metres.



Alexandropoulos and into the unguarded goal.

Caulfield just doesn't know how to give up. It kept charging forward at breakneck speed and Danny Zemunik went close on three occasions inside 90 seconds early in the second half. His shot just missed the far post then seconds later Grgic made a great save to deny a first timer from Zemunik who had got onto the end of Tiger Amantidis' pass. Less than a minute later, Zemunik shot was cleared off the line.

Stirton levels

"Melbourne had one shot on target and scored. We dominated most of the game," said Morwell coach Dave O'Connor after watching his side draw 1-1 at North Crimican Reserve last weekend.

But Falcons gave a lack lustre display, even though they had a lot of the ball.

Peter Verechia's cross from the right landed at the feet of Jack van Baar in the first half but he shot over and twice Marcel Barbas' legs got in the way of shots on the turn by Verechia.

Melbourne must have thought that it could pinch the points when it hit the front ear in the second half. Lou Theodosopoulos was held and took the free kick himself, playing the ball to Paul Dobson. He played it back to Theodosopoulos who skipped past a de-

fender then sent a shot past Alex Easott and into the far corner of goal.

Falcons equalised with 10 minutes to go. Eddie Cassar and Jim Train combined well on the left. Train cut inside an opponent then crossed to the near post where Ian Stirton headed home a fine goal.

## Pines blow it

MIKE LYNN reports from Ralph Reserve that Frankston Pines dominated the second half and should have won.

But Suburbs levelled in the 15th minute with a magnificent goal from Smallman. He scored for a free kick along on the baseline and the referee gave it. Smallman then proceeded to drive the ball into the top far corner from a nearly impossible angle just outside the Pines area.

Two minutes before half-time, Pines swung over a corner. Milutin Cricic, under no pressure, dropped the ball and Aly Dick slammed it in first time.

Two minutes into the second half, Pines hit the front in. A kick out by Cricic was headed back towards the Suburbs goal. Steve Dimovski dislodged the bounce of the ball and Goran Ranje broke clear and slotted it past the advancing Cricic.

**Box Hill's Dave Azopardi (right) sends his team on its winning way at John Cain Reserve on Saturday by striking the ball past Northcote goalkeeper John Gianopoulos (left). Box Hill won 5-0 in a powerful display. In Hillmen will have a further boost this week when Scottish striker Lorne McKenna arrives (see story page 10). Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.**

Suburbs levelled in the 75th minute. Brendan Farmer took a free kick near the halfway line, sending the ball low and hard to the edge of the Pines area. A stunning first time flick from Smallman was capped with a superb first time volley from Billy Hamill.

Cricic then made three marvellous saves to protect Suburbs' point. He made the best save of the match in the 85th minute when a Jimmy Ross shot was deflected twice yet Cricic was able to change direction, dive and tip the ball over.

## Kerr sent off

ALAN KERR took just 25 minutes to receive his marching orders in a very physical contest between Croydon and Thomastown.

Kerr, the Thomastown midfielder and a former Croydon player, clashed a couple of times with Croydon's star midfielder Jim MacLean before another clash between the pair resulted in Kerr's dismissal.

Graham French headed Croydon into the lead in the 35th minute and Dave Brogan put the result beyond doubt in the 80th minute when he capitalised on a defensive blunder by Mike Rainey and hammered a shot past Mauro Raponi.

In the final minute, French accidentally struck George McMillan in the head with a boot. McMillan went to hospital and had stitches inserted in the wound but still will play against Caulfield this weekend.

## Selections

### VICTORIAN LEAGUE

Saturday: South Melbourne v REDEMPTION UNITED v Forest Hill. WEST TALL v Mossiel. BRUNSWICK CITY v Uni of Melbourne. Chelsea v NORTH SUNSHINE. CRANBOURNE v Monash. UNI DEDICATION v Bentleigh.

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# INDOOR SOCCER (international rules)

## Herber Castillo sent off, McKinlay tops, plucky Koletsas can't stop Knox

**Bayswater 1**  
**Preston Elim. 1**

**Goalscorers:** McKinlay (B), Boin (P).  
**BAYSWATER:** N. Van Egmond 9, J. Sciberras 7, R. Ardizzone 7, J. Nyholt 7, R. Diaz 7, H. Castillo 6, H. McKinlay 9, Van. Egmond 8.

**PRESTON ELIMINATORS:** H. Eideh 8, S. Sella 8, M. Giaccommi 8, M. Bisetto 6, V. Kondinski 9, E. Boin 8.

A number of early shots by Preston Eliminators were kept away by the brilliant saves of Bayswater keeper Nick van Egmond. Bayswater also had many shots at goal but young keeper Hass Eideh also was playing a very good game.

The first goal eventually came the Eliminators way when Bayswater made the mistake of coming

**Man of the match:**  
**HARRY MCKINLAY**  
**(Bayswater)**

down the centre and Ernie Boin with a good interception, advanced towards Van Egmond, dummyed a shot which forced the keeper to go down, then easily placed the ball into the opening.

The second half began with Bayswater again applying pressure on the Eliminators.

Bayswater had a number of shots at goal and one finally managed to escape the keeper. It came from a deflection off Bisetto.

Tempers flared and Herber Castillo

for Bayswater was sent off after clashing with Michael Giocomi.

The game had only 10 minutes to go and even though Bayswater only had three field players, the Preston Eliminators could not capitalize.

The skills of Van Egmond kept the scoreline at 1/1 and with seconds to go Bayswater could have won when a shot by McKinlay saw the

ball hit the bar, much to Hass Eideh and the Preston teams' relief.

**Knox 6 Sunshine 3**  
**KNOX:** R. Gashi 8, Vallese 7, Calarco 9, Cavassi 8, Eashi 6, Achiad 6  
**SUNSHINE:** Koletsas 9, B. Neal 8, Whitehouse 8, T. Neal 7, Duke 7, Ianelli 7.

In a tight, entertaining game, where both teams had a number of chances, Sunshine scored first after a good move by Gino Calarco and Marko Ca-

vassi, with Calarco finishing off the move by slotting the ball past keeper Koletsas.

Just before half time Knox hit back with a goal from Tony Neal.

Knox lifted its game in the second half with Brian Neal and Craig Whitehouse pushing it forward constantly.

Tony DeLea gave Knox the lead by put-

ting a cracking volley past keeper Gashi, making the score 2-1.

Knox's third goal came through good work by Fab Ianelli who drew the defence for Brian Neal to slip home a good shot.

Play continued at a furious pace when Gino Calarco, who was Sunshine's most effective forward, was rewarded with his second goal — a great volley which gave Koletsas no chance.

Sunshine continued to press Knox, but its efforts were denied by keeper Koletsas who was having a great game.

Tony Neal put the issue beyond doubt after scoring on a fast

break. Minutes later, Sunshine scored, this time through Tony Eashi.

Tony Neal notched his hat-trick in the 38th minute.

In the dying minutes it was all Knox and Fab Ianelli scored a great solo goal by drawing out the keeper and slipping the ball through his leg.

**State League results:** LaTrobe Valley 1, Geelong 2, Bayswater 1, Preston Eliminators 1, Sunshine 3, Knox 6.

**State League standings**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
LaTrobe Valley	4	0	1	40	11	13
Bayswater	3	1	2	21	12	12
Geelong	3	0	2	17	17	11
Preston	2	1	2	12	16	10
Knox	2	0	3	15	31	9
Sunshine	0	0	5	8	26	3

## Vasco victorious, Furious Five hit back

**Vasco de Gama 3**  
**Carcioffi R.2**

**CARCIOFFI RANGERS:** D. Cesarin 7, S. Sella 7, F. Sparano 6, M. Grbac 6, A. Dal Costello 9, M. Gattino 8.

**VASCO DE GAMA:** K. Sokolovski 6, A. Stasi 8, H. Stergiou 8, J. Tanevski 7, V. Tanevski 7, B. Grbac 8.

**Carcioffi Rangers** met Vasco de Gama in one of two exciting games at Tho-

mastown. The Vasco team had shown vast improvement over recent weeks and continued to do so in this game.

It was Carcioffi Rangers who began the game with several promising moves. The scoring was

opened by Mario Gattino for Rangers when he received a pin-point pass from Adrian Tocchetto.

Within two minutes Vasco de Gama equalised through Albert Stasi who had been harassing the Rangers defence and caus-

ing it serious problems.

Gattino then had a shot which was goal-bound but the Vasco goalie dived well to put the ball out for a corner.

Bill Grbac from Vasco began the second half in exciting

fashion with an explosive shot that Rangers goalie Daniel Cesarin saved magnificently.

Stasi then combined with Jim Tanevski only to see Cesarin save again. Steve Dal Costello for the Rangers was having an excellent game and found himself with only the goalie to beat. His shot was low and hard but the keeper did well to save it.

Minutes later, Stasi turned a defender and confronted Cesarin who tore out of the penalty area. Advantage was given and Stasi placed the ball under the goalie to make the score 2-1 in favor of Vasco de Gama.

Almost immediately Stasi again found himself with only Cesarin to beat and in an almost identical move made the score 3-1.

One minute later,

Rangers player Fab Sparano pulled a goal back with a shot that gave the Vasco keeper no chance.

With four minutes remaining Stasi was sent off for alleged dissent, spoiling what was otherwise an entertaining game.

In the other major game, undefeated Eliminators met the talented Furious Five.

Play switched from end to end with numerous opportunities for both teams.

Hass Eideh, the Furious Five goalie, managed to keep out the Eliminators until Maurice Bisetto broke clear to register the first goal. Several minutes later Velce Kondinski received a through ball from Ernie Bain to score the Eliminators second goal.

The second half saw Furious Five attacking with a determination that had the

Eliminators reeling to such an extent that they scored two goals in the first three minutes.

The scorers were Michael Panagiotou and Theo Galatopoulos.

The Eliminators then rallied to attack the Furious Five goal and in a breakaway scored a third goal through Marjan Tosevski. Michael Panagiotou equalised for Furious Five with two minutes left making the final scoreline 3-3.

**Results:** Eliminators 6 Gladiators 1; Vasco de Gama 3; Carcioffi Rangers 2; Furious Five 14 Wanderers 0; Eliminators 3 Furious Five 3.

**Senior Standings**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Eliminators	9	1	0	59	16	29
Furious Five	5	2	2	45	19	21
Vasco de Gama	4	1	3	27	17	17
Carcioffi Rangers	3	2	3	32	25	16
Wanderers	1	1	7	12	67	12
Gladiators	0	1	7	8	40	9

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Wed 7 May 8pm SUNSHINE v GEELONG at Sunshine Skate Rink 47 Wright St Sunshine.

Sun 11 May, 7pm GEELONG vs BAYSWATER at Corio Nth High School Gym, Wendy St Corio.

Mon 12 May 7.45pm KNOX v LATROBE VALLEY at Victorian Indoor Centre 3 Burton Crt Bayswater

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# West Meadows (Vic.)



•West Meadows' senior team, back row: Andy Dovic (coach), Hakan Anas (from Holland Park, 1983), Yunus Kymaz (from Cheltenham, 1986), Durmus Varan (from Royal Richmond, 1983), Ruhit Yavuz (from Holland Park, 1985), Unsal Akyol (from Thomastown, 1983), Erol Kaya (from Broadmeadows, 1983). Front row: Mustafa Ihhan (from Turkey, 1985), Metin Sancaktutan (from Turkey, 1985), Goksel Akyol (3), Unsal Akyol (from West United, 1983), Esref Anas (from Broadmeadows, 1983). Missing: Huseyin Erdogan (from Cheltenham, 1985). Picture: BRAHIM BALCI.

Victorian Provisional League club West Meadows is claiming a VSF record. Its reserves beat Port United 31-0 two weeks ago!

The margin would have been greater had West Meadows not slackened off in the last 20 minutes. Poor Port United. Even the West Meadows reserve team goalkeeper, Ahmet Kesici, got his name onto the scoresheet. For the record, the scorers were: Iskender Andujan (12 goals), Ian Duke (6), Goksel Akyol (3), Carlos Peres, Hakan Anas (2), Kesici, Yusuf Demir, Nezhat Ozden, Suileman Yildirim, Theo Kipakonlakis and Hakan Ekici.

West Meadows was formed in 1983 and played in the Victorian Amateur Soccer Association. It finished runner-up that season and the following year came under the umbrella of the VSF when it joined the Second Division of the Amateur Leagues.

West Meadows finished runner-up, but ended the season on a spectacular note by beating Melbourne United 1-0 in the final of the amateur League Cup.

The match was played at Smith Reserve, Fawkner in front of over 2000 fans and Ester Anas scored the winning goal eight minutes from the end.

West Meadows jumped into Fourth Division of the Provisional leagues for the 1985 season. It reached the quarter-finals of the Provisional League Cup but was far more successful in the league, clinching the championship by a four-point margin.

To bolster the club's quest for the Third Division championship this year it signed four new players: Mustafa Ihhan, a midfielder from Holland Park; Levent Oluc, a midfielder from Cheltenham; Yunus Kymaz, a goalkeeper from Cheltenham and forward Erol Kaya from Holland Park.

Andy Dovic is in his first year as coach of the club and along with his hard-working committee is very confident of winning the championship.

# 31-0!

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Ascot St Marks	4	0	0	16	5	6	4	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Epping Thistle	3	0	1	9	5	6	6	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Maccael	1	3	0	9	5	5	5	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Balwyn City	2	1	0	5	2	5	5	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Edenham Hills	1	1	2	4	8	4	3	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Cleghorn Inst.	2	1	2	4	5	5	3	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Eagles Utd	1	1	2	5	5	5	3	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Northern Subs.	1	1	2	3	5	5	2	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Diamond Valley	6	0	2	2	2	1	2	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Briartons	1	1	2	3	4	1	3	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Melbourne Uni.	0	1	3	4	8	1	0	Northcote Cy B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
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East Altona	3	0	0	12	2	5	5	Revere United	3	0	0	17	8	7	7	6
Diggers Wands	2	1	0	13	8	5	5	S.E. United	3	0	0	16	5	6	6	5
East Richmond	2	0	0	22	9	4	4	St. Bernard's O.C.	1	0	0	16	5	6	6	5
Altona Utd.	1	1	2	9	7	3	3	Northcote Utd.	1	0	0	17	9	4	4	3
Old Scotch	1	1	2	5	7	3	3	Footscray United	2	0	0	12	3	2	2	1
Old Kilbride	0	0	0	2	2	5	2	Footscray United	2	0	0	12	3	2	2	1
NH Melbourne	0	3	0	22	0	0	0	Footscray United	2	0	0	12	3	2	2	1
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Diggers Wands	2	1	0	13	8	5	5	S.E. United	3	0	0	16	5	6	6	5
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**ROUND 6      10/11 MAY**

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**Green Gully vs Brunswick Juventus**

at Green Gully Reserve Sunday 3pm

Youth Game:

Green Gully vs Brunswick Juventus at 12.45pm



STUART CANNELL



JEFF OLVER

**Adelaide Hellas vs Heidelberg Alexander**

at Hindmarsh Stadium at 2.30pm

Southern Division Youth Game:

Brighton vs Heidelberg at V.T.B.A.



SULLIMAN CUROVIC

**Brisbane City vs Footscray J.U.S.T.**

at Spencer Park 3pm

Youth Game: Frankston Pines vs Footscray at V.T.B.A.



CARL GILDER

**Sunshine George Cross vs Brisbane Lions**

at Chaplin Reserve 3pm

Youth Game: Sunshine G/Cross vs Fawkner at 12.45pm



TONY CURCIO

**Melbourne Croatia vs Adelaide City**

at Olympic Park No. 1 3pm

Youth Game:

Melbourne Croatia vs Nunawading City at 12.45pm



BOBBY RUSSELL

**South Melbourne Hellas vs  
Preston Makedonia** at Middle Park 3pm

Youth Game:

St Melb Hellas vs Preston Makedonia at 12.45pm

**NORTHERN DIVISION**

Newcastle Rosebud Utd vs Wollongong City  
at Adamstown Oval 2.30pm SATURDAY

A.P.I.A. Leichhardt vs Sydney Olympic  
at Lambert Park 3pm SUNDAY

St George vs Marconi  
at St George Stadium 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Croatia vs Canberra City  
at Croatian Sports Complex 3pm SUNDAY

Inter Monaro vs Blacktown City  
at Bruce Stadium 3pm SUNDAY

Canterbury vs Sydney City  
at Arlington Oval 3pm SUNDAY

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